

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Official Action dated 28 May 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure and relevant decisional law.

Claims 1-4, 8, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jancik.

Claims 5-7, 9, 10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jancik in view of Carney.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is significantly different from that of the cited arts as can be seen from their respective structures. Applicant's invention as specified in the amended claims 1, and 4-12 is patentably distinguishable over these references when taken either singularly or in combination for the following reasons:

The Examiner cites Jancik as an example disclosing the claimed method with exception of the details of the line generating device.

For claims 5-7,9, 10 and 12, the Examiner further cites Carney as an example of that is known when generating a reference line for a game device to use a device such as that claimed. Jancik makes clear that nay known such device may be used.

However, actually, as disclosed in paragraph [0018] of Jancik, the laser box 12 is disclosed to be positioned at a fixed position from the floor, and at a fixed angle to the floor, but has not being disclosed to be rotatable or adjustable relative to the floor.

In addition, in paragraph [0019] of Jancik, the height of the

laser box 12 from the floor and the angle of the means to generate and project a visible line onto the floor are both adjustable so that the user may adjust the position of the laser box relative to the dart board and the distance of the line generated by the dart board can be adjusted by the users.

However, it will be difficult and it is time consuming for the laser box 12 to be adjusted relative to the floor to suitable positions and at suitable angles. The users may have to prepare and dispose various objects or elements below the laser box 12, in order to adjust the laser box 12 relative to the floor.

In Carney, the laser beam is generated and directed toward the golf ball 34 and the users, to guide the users to strike the ball 34 toward the target 60. The laser beam is emitted and directed toward or along a longitudinal axis the device 20, and the laser beam may not be perpendicular to the device 20, and thus may not be used as a toe line for the dart games.

By contrast, in Applicant's invention, as amended in the amended claims 1, and 4-12, a housing (31) is provided and rotatably or adjustably secured to an attaching device (20), to support the light generating device (41) of the reference line generating device (30), and thus to allow the light generating device (41) to be easily and quickly rotated and adjusted relative to the reference line generating device (30).

The cited arts fail to teach a housing (31) that may be rotatably or adjustably secured to an attaching device (20), to support the light generating device (41) of the reference line generating device (30), and thus to allow the light generating device (41) to be easily

and quickly rotated and adjusted relative to the reference line generating device (30). The applicant's invention is different from that of the cited arts and has improved over the cited arts.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably distinguishable over the cited arts and that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner GRAHAM are appreciated.

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